

Who will the crime bill benefit?

Page 3

Rev. Simmons responds to attacks on NJBIC

Page 4

CITY NEWS

THE NEW JOURNAL OF CIVILIZATION

Davis sp about cook-out fiasco

Page 4

Connie's back The tangled web of Essex County politics

As Connie sees it
Page 4

National News

by Robert N. Taylor

Chavis dismissed as head of NAACP

Benjamin E. Chavis was dismissed from his position of Executive Director of the NAACP on Saturday, August 20. In a recent interview with NBC's news program *Sunday Today* Chavis said that negotiations must be made between him and the NAACP and hinted of suing the organization. Chavis' position ended after a series of events that he was criticized for. The most recent event being the \$332,400 out-of-court settlement for a breach of contract with former employee Mary C. Stansel, who served as Chavis' assistant for five weeks. It was then reported that the settlement was actually for sexual harassment. In June of this year, Chavis was beat up on by the media and NAACP members for allowing Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, to participate in the NAACP's National African American Leader Summit held. Temporarily replacing Chavis will be Earl Shinnister, the organization's national field secretary.—PLAINFIELD



Two-year-old Sabuna Mimy of Newark makes a fashion statement with her African Garb at the African Festival.

Festival seeks to unite all Africans

by Paul Joseph

The threat of severe thunder storms and the sweltering August humidity did not keep the people of Newark and neighboring cities from coming out in celebration of African culture at the ninth annual Africa-Newark Festival last weekend.

Colorful Brazilian dancers, African cuisines from the "Mother Land" and the Diaspora, gift and art vendors, and a medley of music ranging from jazz to reggae, transformed Newark's Military Park into a lively, peaceful African Village. Those who came out were greeted with a warm day and family-like atmosphere.

"The theme for this festival has always been unity of African people," said Maxwell Junah, President of the Africa-Newark Organization which sponsored the event.

"It doesn't make a difference where your ancestors got off the boat. We must work together to build together," he told the gathered crowd.

Junah also urged the people take the opportunity to learn about their brothers and sisters from different parts of Africa and the world. "Turn around and speak to the African person next to you and ask him questions about his land and language," he said. "We come in all different shapes, sizes and colors. Each one of us has something to offer."

Giblin concedes race Cooper finally wins

by Paul Joseph

Essex County Democratic Chairman Thomas Giblin has ended the fierce fight for the Essex County Executive Democratic nomination making East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper the contender for the November elections.

His decision came in light of Superior Court Assignment Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys' court ruling last week which gave Cooper a 17-vote lead in counting 37 disputed emergency ballots in the primary race.

Giblin who reportedly stated "this was only the first round," later said, "Let yesterday's news be bygone."

He reversed his decision after weighing the judge's ruling and the nearing general election. He said he realized it was in the best interest of both candidates and the Democratic party that the matter was settled quickly.

"My first concern was that we have a candidate and a united party for the November race," Giblin said. "It was decided that Cooper was the winner. So, in the best interest of all contended it was best that I withdraw."

In a released statement, Cooper expressed his thanks to his supporters and said that Giblin had demonstrated great leadership in his decision.

"Chairman Giblin has shown great courage and commitment to placing principle ahead of personal gain in putting an end to the legal wrangling," Cooper said. "Tom Giblin has expressed his total support for a sweeping Democratic victory in November. I look forward to working with Mr. Giblin."

The county board of elections, in June, had discarded the emergency ballots after deciding that poll workers and voters did not follow proper procedures in handling them. As a result, the board, which had previously given Cooper the nomination, said that Giblin had discarded the emergency ballots after an investigation was launched followed by a court hearing.

Cooper and his supporters had argued that voters were being denied their right to vote while the Giblin camp opted for a new election to determine the winner.

Humphreys agreed with Cooper. "Mere

(Continued on page 10)

Michael Jackson takes Fifth Amendment in molestation case

Superstar entertainer Michael Jackson invoked the Fifth Amendment last week on the question of alleged child molestation when answering a lawsuit by five ex-bodyguards. In the suit, the bodyguards claim Jackson fired them because they knew of his activities with young boys including secretly bringing boys as young as 10 to his bedroom and that he once ordered a guard to retrieve a picture of a naked boy. Jackson denies the allegations but last year he reached a multi-million dollar out-of-court settlement with a 13-year-old boy who claimed Jackson had molested him. The Fifth Amendment allows a person in a legal proceeding to refuse to answer a question on the grounds that the answer may be self-incriminating.—LOS ANGELES

Walter Tucker indicted on extortion charges

Black Congressman Walter R. Tucker was indicted last week on charges of extortion and filing false tax returns while he was mayor of Compton, California. The indictment alleges that Tucker received \$30,000 in bribes from a company which sought to build and operate an incinerator in Compton. Tucker represents the heavily black and

(Continued on page 3)

Fury wants action on Teppers development

by Sherry Burrus

Teo Predhodica, chairman of the Plainfield Redevelopment Agency, PRA, denies making any comments that "Plainfield was not ready for any significant redevelopment project." He also denies saying "the administration was not serious about this project and developers would do better in Elizabeth," and has no plans of resigning from his position as Mayor Mark A. Fury suggests.

"I called the Mayor and he has been misinformed about the situation and I think he understands where I came from," states Predhodica.

When asked about his request for Predhodica's resignation, Mayor Fury stated that he is not in the position to affirm or deny what Predhodica said. However, he said it doesn't change the fact that he wants to see some action on this project.

"The Teppers Project, which proposes the construction of a five-story 300,000-square-foot multi-use structure with a parking lot, stores, offices and private residences, on Front Street is crucial not only to downtown redevelopment but to other projects like the New Jersey Transit light rail extension."

"If the statements attributed to Ted are true, then Ted Predhodica should resign im-

(Continued on page 10)

Jersey City State announces expansion

by Paul Joseph

Freshmen and returning students will venture into a bigger and more advanced college when they enter Jersey City State College (JCSC) next fall.

According to school President Carlos Hernandez, three new degree programs and the opening of a multi-purpose Athletic, Recreation and Fitness Center are just some of the new innovations that will help give JCSC students an edge in the competing job market.

Starting this year, the college will offer a master of fine arts (MFA) degree and a bachelor of arts or science degree in applied physics. This will allow students to choose specialization in physics, education, energy and environmental problems, optical and radio frequency telecommunications or bio-physical science.

"It is quite an achievement that JCSC is the only college in New Jersey to offer an MFA program which is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Arts and Design, which is a premier arts accrediting agency," Hernandez said. "Our new bachelor's program in applied physics will open a wide field of studies for our undergraduates," he continued.

The college has announced that it will also launch a joint doctoral program in biomedical science with the University of Medicine and Dentistry. The program started this summer at

(Continued on page 10)

Takeover not topic at community forum

by Paul Joseph

A community forum held to discuss the proposed State takeover of the Newark district turned into a heated exchange between a school State control supporter and Newark Board of Education (BOE) member Charles A. Bell at the East Ward's Ann Street School last week.

While the majority of the parents and concerned citizens present denounced the takeover as an infringement of their voting rights, Lauren Lewis of the East Ward told the approximately crowd of 150 not to be fooled by the Newark Board members and that "something is rotten here." Lewis told the panel that they were there to protect their jobs and to "defend the inde-

fensible and to support the corrupted and failing school system."

"We need to clean house. I support the State takeover," Lewis said in a prepared statement. "The school system has had more than two decades to reform itself and yet public education in Newark has gotten progressively worse," she said.

She added that it was a "crying shame that things have gotten worse now than during the times of 1960s civil disturbances." She also blasted black officials for failing to improve education of the vastly minority students in Newark schools.

At this point Bell asked the woman to back her strongly worded opinions. "Allegations like these should be based on facts,"

(Continued on page 10)

Plainfield Health Center breaks ground



by Sherry Burrus

The earth was turned and people were moved last Thursday at the ground breaking ceremony for the soon-to-be new location of the Plainfield Health Center (PHC) at Rock and Myrtle Avenues in Plainfield.

The ceremony was officiated by Ronald West, Chairman of the PHC Building Committee and member of the Board of Directors, who referred to the project as a dream as he warmly welcomed the diverse audience.

"Of all the celebrations I have officiated on behalf of the Plainfield Health

(Continued on page 3)

Plainfield gets budget

by Sherry Burrus

Plainfield Mayor Mark A. Fury, recently presented a no tax increase budget to the city council, which accepted, would cause job losses and salary freezes for city officials.

Sixteen city officials, seven employees from the Department of Administration and Finance and nine employees in the Public Works and Urban Development department, will lose their jobs as a way of maintaining property tax rates at the same level as fiscal year 1994.

According to the report, the current property tax rate of \$1.52 will remain the same. The tax increase inherited from the previous Administration in fiscal year 1994 placed a severe economic burden on the residents of Plainfield. A final decision on the amount of Municipal Revitalization Aid, MRVA, funds to be received from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, DCA, is not anticipated until late September.

In the mean time, the city has been instructed by DCA to anticipate an amount similar to that of last year, approximately \$2,400,000.

(Continued on page 10)

126 E. Front St. Plainfield Mon.-Sat. 10-5
908-756-1774 1-800-272-1315 (NJ only)

National News

by Robert N. Taylor

(Continued from page 1)

Hispanic 37th District south of Los Angeles. The 37-year-old lawyer and Baptist minister has labeled the charges an attempt to humiliate a black official. According to Taylor, "It is obviously political. It is an election year, and I am up for reelection." —LOS ANGELES.

Chicago Congressman under investigation

The U.S. attorney's office is investigating black Chicago Congressman Mel Reynolds on the possible misuse of campaign funds during his 1992 election. In addition, a Cook County grand jury is looking into charges from a former campaign worker that Reynolds had sex with her while she was underage. Reynolds has denied the woman's allegations. As far as the campaign violation charges are concerned, Reynolds said he never intentionally violated campaign law but describes some of his bookkeeping as "sloppy." —CHICAGO.

Fox to air first "O.J." movie on Sept. 13

The Fox Television Network is set to air the first in what is expected to be a series of different O.J. Simpson movies. Reports are that the movie will be two hours long and will focus on the life of Simpson and his murdered wife Nicole. Simpson is accused in the murder of his ex-wife and a male companion. The movie will air six days before the trial is scheduled to begin in Los Angeles. Fox will use the movie to kick off its fall line up. —NEW YORK.

The Oprah Winfrey Show goes to Britain

The Oprah Winfrey Show will air on British television starting next January. The satellite broadcaster BSkyB has acquired British rights to America's number one talk show and will broadcast it five days a week for five years. LONDON, ENGLAND

Black wealth conference set for Los Angeles

The next series of forums designed to show African Americans how to build personal and family wealth has been set for Sept. 24 in Los Angeles. The all-day seminar details self-help topics ranging from how to repair negative credit and adopt savings plans to how to buy real estate with no money down and how to start a profitable 900-number business. Financial planning and investment experts will also be present. Persons interested in attending the day-long event can receive pre-registration material by calling 1-800-748-1821. —CHICAGO

It is Powell against Rangel in Harlem

The son of late Congressman Adam Clayton Powell III has created a political stir in New York's Harlem by challenging incumbent Congressman and senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus Charles B. Rangel. The 64-year-old Rangel has the support of virtually all of the New York City democratic establishment. But playing on name recognition, the 32-year-old Adam Clayton Powell IV is giving Rangel his first significant election challenge since Rangel took the Congressional seat from his father in 1970. Interestingly, when the younger Powell was a student at Howard University in Washington, D.C. he worked as an intern in Rangel's Congressional office. Most observers expect Rangel to emerge victorious. —NEW YORK.

National beauty pageant seeks black contestants

Organizers of the Miss Black World Beauty & Modeling Pageant have begun recruiting contestants for their first-of-its-kind pageant which is set for Washington, D.C. Nov. 12. The pageant aims to have participants from all 50 states and several foreign countries. Interested young ladies can receive free registration material by writing Miss Black World, P.O. Box 65001, Washington, D.C. 20035. The entry deadline is Oct. 1, 1994. —WASHINGTON, D.C.

Who will the crime bill benefit?

WASHINGTON, DC—On Thursday, August 11, by a majority of 225 to 210, the House voted against a rule governing floor debate on the crime bill. Democrats were stumped by the loss. The vote—with 11 members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) voting in the majority—prevented the bill from coming before the House for a full debate and a vote on the legislation.

Fifty-eight Democrats voted against the President. The small number of moderate Republican defections (only 11 Republicans voted with the President) surprised the Democratic leadership.

The 10 Democratic CBC members voting against the bill were Clay, Fields, Hilliard, Lewis, Rangel, Scott, Stokes, Washington, Waters and Watt. Republican Gary Franks voted with the majority, but for totally different reasons than the 10 Democrats.

Forty-eight White Democrats opposed the bill, most of whom were conservatives and opposed the bill because of provisions banning 19 assault weapons, and the bill's prevention components—which they described as "pork."

CBC members were angered because Democratic congressional leadership, and the White House, refused to negotiate on the death penalty; because they were morally opposed to the addition of 60 new federal death penalty offenses; and the exclusion of the racial justice provision

passed by the House. The racial justice provision would have statistically monitored the death penalty to see if it was being used in a racially discriminatory manner, and helped with appeals of those sentences.

The CBC attempted to negotiate a compromise on racial justice only to find itself abandoned by the White House, which withdrew its support when it found itself in trouble in the Conference Committee, and a threat by 17 Senators to filibuster the bill if it included the racial justice provision.

The need for the racial justice provision is clear. According to Rep. Rangel (D-15-NY), in the last two years alone, 11 people have been sentenced to death in the U.S.—all have been black. Of the 236 people executed since 1977, 200 were blacks convicted of murdering whites, even though whites and blacks are victims in roughly equal numbers. Prior to 1972, more than half of the people condemned or executed were African American, even though the black population is just 12 percent.

There was intense lobbying against the bill by the NRA—they oppose the ban on assault weapons—and an obstinist Republican leadership who said that the bill was soft on punishment and additional police.

It is clear that this bill is racially motivated, driven primarily by fear of crime—portrayed as black—and a feeling that more cops and jails will solve the (violent black crime) problem.

What was even more interesting, however, was the President's political response to his legislative defeat. More Democrats than CBC members voted against the President. More Roman Catholic legislators voted

against the President than did blacks. More moderate Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) members—the organization that Bill Clinton helped to form—voted against him.

Did he invite David Wilhelm, Chairman of the DLC, to the White House and urge him to whip up grassroots Democrats against Democratic legislators? No. Did he go to a Roman Catholic Church and call priests to the White House to send a message to Roman Catholic legisla-

tors? No. Did he call Al Fromm, executive director of the DLC, to the White House and turned him on the DLC members who abandoned his ship? No. Then what did he do?

President Clinton decided to pit black preachers against 10 black politicians. He went after black people through the black churches and black clergy in order to put political pressure and whip the strayed "sheep" in the CBC back into the fold.

First, he went to a black church in

the DC metropolitan area and "preached." In his sermon, he raised passage of the crime bill to a higher level, claiming it was "the will of God" that it be passed. He invited the nation's ministers to come forward and support it. Second, he invited 25 African-American clergy to the White House and commissioned them to go forth and preach the Gospel of crime in an attempt to undermine the moral opposition and conscientious objection of 10 members of the CBC.

PHC breaks ground

(Continued from page 1)

Center, this is the most long awaited. Today marks the realization of the beginning of a dream that we've shared for over five years. Close your eyes for a moment and share that dream. Picture the completion of a new facility, a facility that welcomes all that are in need of medical care; a facility which is modern and offers state-of-the-art equipment; a facility which houses well-qualified practitioners who provide needed services to improve the quality of life...This is the start we construct today." stated West.

Among those in attendance to share the dream were local and state officials, PHC board members, United National Bank officials and representatives of The National Starch and Chemical Company. All of whom played crucial roles in the funding of the project.

Funding for the health center is being provided in part by The Department of Health and Human Services (federal), United National Bank providing the construction loan, and several donations and grants includ-

ing one from New Jersey's State Department of Health. The center is also working on permanent financing through New Jersey's health care facility financial authority. Even though over \$4 million has been raised, there is still a need for an additional \$2 million.

"We still have more money to raise. So, we still ask for your continued support," said Juliane Miller, executive director of Plainfield Health Center.

James Kennedy, chairman and chief executive officer, of The National Starch and Chemical Company accepted a plaque of appreciation presented to the company for their contribution of the one-half acre land on which the new PHC will be constructed.

"The donation of this land is an example, an example that I would hope is followed throughout the United States, of the great cooperation of both the private sector and the public sector," said Kennedy.

Other contributors to the project are High Performance Alternatives

Inc., who provided services such as business consulting and business/computer products and supplies; Johnson Jones, an architectural company; York Hunter, construction services firm specializing in health care facilities and C.H. Sanders Construction Co.

Plainfield Mayor Mark Furry also spoke about the long awaited project and its role in Plainfield.

"This project stands as a model, not only for health care facilities, but for reaching out and helping people, but right here in Plainfield it proves beyond the shadow of a doubt and it shall go forth as a role model in evidence of the fact that you can build something in Plainfield," stated the Mayor.

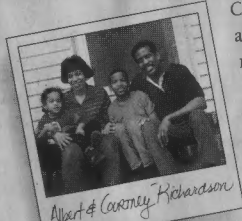
The need for a larger and better facility was recognized by the health center's board members over five years ago. Discussions and planning, soon after, were underway. Construction should begin in October giving Plainfield and local residents a 34,000 square foot facility to utilize in late 1995.

Turn your rent into a mortgage.

Now's the time to make the dream of owning your own home a reality with a Chemical Affordable Mortgage loan.

Chemical makes owning your first home so affordable you may even be able to cover your mortgage payments with what you're presently paying in rent. And Chemical makes it even easier... with as little as 5% down, reduced up-front costs and flexible qualifying guidelines.

Call Linda Kelly at (609) 520-3479, and take advantage of this great opportunity to make the dream of owning your own home a reality.



Expect more from us®

CHEMICAL

Chemical Bank New Jersey

This offer is available to individuals financing owner-occupied, 1-2 family homes. Maximum income caps apply. Other restrictions apply. Loans subject to credit approval. © 1994 Chemical Bank New Jersey, NA. Member FDIC.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY LENDER

EDITORIAL

Desperate times call for 'moderate' measures?

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation's largest civil rights organization took a giant leap backward in its ouster of Executive Director Benjamin Chavis. Although the 67-member board claimed that Chavis' mismanagement of the organization's funds and his decision to settle, for up to \$332,400, a breach-of-contract by a former employee who said that she had been sexually harassed by the director, it appears that outside forces provided the funding and fanned the flames for Chavis' ouster. Chavis decided to bring all factions of African American leaders to the discussion table including National of Islam Leader Minister Louis Farrakhan. This moved angered a lot of NAACP traditional backers who aligned the partnership with a separatist agenda. The Jewish-backed Anti-Defamation League demanded that the NAACP disassociate itself with the NOI and other controversial black leaders. The Ford Foundation, Mobil Oil and many other corporations threaten to hold back funds. The NAACP bowed to outside interest instead of rolling up its sleeve and getting down to do the work of empowering and uniting the community. NAACP Chairman, Dr. William Gibson reportedly vowed to return the group's focus to its old "mainstream, moderate agenda." Dr. Gibson's remarks seemed puzzling if not downright insulting. At a time when the African American community is plagued with deteriorating social and economic dilemmas, Gibson is calling for "moderate" measures. Community members must wonder whether Mr. Gibson lives in the same America that they do: the America where the average 20-year-old black male has been initiated into prison life, the America in which black children are given a less than mediocre education to face a growing complex world, the America in which street gangs and violence classified the black male as an endangered species. When, Mr. Gibson, should the African leaders get angry enough to put their head together and get on with the business of improving and preparing the necessary for the 21st century? NAACP leaders need to step out of their middle-class suburbs, suits, ties and designer pumps and use their Oxford and Harvard educations for the liberation of the masses.

Letters to the Editor

Simmons responds to attacks on NJBIC

Dear Editor:

The controversy surrounding the results of the June 7th primary election for Essex County Executive, has created a public debate by some members of the African-American community that is a re-visitation to the regressive public debate that affected the civil rights community in the early 1960's.

During that time certain African-American leaders drew the negative posture of trying to portray themselves to the majority population that, "I am the major leader of the African-American community and that the views of other leaders are not as valid as mine."

The tragedy of this kind of ego-centric leadership is that it does not consider the words of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his speech during the March on Washington, in which he quoted the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights..." Men and women within our democracy have the right to support or not support any candidate that they deem necessary.

Black elected officials and black ministers have always had the option of supporting either black or white candidates of their choice. For leadership means the option of choice and vision that one shares with their congregation or constituency.

The controversy and the public attacks on African-American leadership by a few ill-advised individuals for not supporting an African-American political candidate can be responded to by ministers and elected officials from Newark, by raising a similar issue dealing with the candidacy of Mayor Robert Brown for Senate and former Councilman Ralph T. Grant Jr. for Sheriff. However, this candidate should not be considered as a "reaffirmation of the 'you kicked my dog, so I'm gonna kick your car' syndrome."

To re-visit the confrontational mode of the civil rights movement will not achieve the basic objective that all African-American people want, and that is equality, progress and upward mobility.

For all of the gains that our community has made have come about when we have collectively recognized that none of us is as strong as all of us, working together in unity.

The Black Issues Convention has fostered the development of unity amongst African-American leaders in New Jersey, because unity has the ability to take the collective wisdom and strength of all individual leaders and groups to forge a relationship and create a movement for the Unity, Survival, and Progress of our people.

We also have to mutually understand that the New Jersey Black Issues Convention is a non-profit tax exempt organization, representing 55 statewide organizations that addresses issues through its organizational members and Board of Directors.

N.J. BIC does not endorse political candidates, nor do we get involved in individual political candidates. It is somewhat ironic that, N.J. BIC the organization that has fostered unity, now comes under attack by individuals that say they want unity.

If we as African-American people within Essex County are to collectively gain power, it will be when we win on our own and not on each other. Unity does not mean uniformity, but it does imply respect for yourself and others' points of view on issues that relate to our community.

N.J. BIC has been in the forefront of the movement of African-American leadership and public policy issues within the State of New Jersey, and we will continue to be an advocate for the people.

Rev. Dr. Willie A. Simmons, Chairman
New Jersey Black Issues Convention
Assistant Pastor, First Corinthians Baptist Church, Newark

CITY NEWS

Publisher
Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D.
Executive Editor
Jan M. Edgerton-Johnson
Assistant Editor
Sandra Wright

Editorial Assistant
Steve Green, Sherry Burus
Director of Advertising Sales
Lorraine Davis Hickman

Contributing Writers
Sharon Khadiji Vincent, Connie Woodruff, Paul Joseph

Composition
Sandra Wright, Steve Green

City News is published weekly by City News Publishing Company
P.O. Box 1774, 144 North Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07061. Telephone (908) 754-5400 FAX (908) 753-1036. The publisher reserves the right to delete obnoxious words or phrases and to reject any advertising. This publication, in whole or parts thereof, may not be reproduced in any form whatsoever without the expressed written permission of the Publisher. City News assumes no responsibility for unsolicited manuscripts, art or photographs. No material submitted can be returned without a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
Copyright 1994 City News Publishing Company. All rights reserved.

by Connie Woodruff

Politics in Essex County and Newark is such a tangled web it's getting more and more difficult to tell the good guys from the bad.

The image of the Democratic Party is badly tarnished because of a series of scandals involving Democratic office holders, some of whom are former elected officials.

Taxpayers throughout the county and the city are upset over spiraling taxes and are blaming Freeholders, mayors and council members who have voted themselves pay raises and in spite of potential budget deficits, continue to give themselves more benefits and trips to exotic places, courtesy of overburdened tax payers.

After a month or more of legal wrangling, Essex County Democratic Party chairman, Tom Giblin, finally decided to give up the fight between him and Mayor Cardell Cooper over who will be the party candidate for County Executive in November.

For better or worse Cooper will be running against Republican Jim Treffering for county exec and a "unity" meeting for Dems will be held Sept. 10 at which time Giblin is expected to call for an official endorsement for Cooper.

Obviously Tom Giblin is willing to do whatever possible to keep his divid-

ed forces together enough to elect a Democratic county executive. But can be sure he and Cooper can mend fences between now and November?

while Giblin and Cooper were in and out of court, Essex County Republicans were leisurely preparing to do battle against a ticket that includes two well known Democratic leaders, Armando Fontura, the incumbent Sheriff seeking reelection and Carole Graves, president of the Newark Teachers Union.

The GOP finally selected their party political candidate. She is Patricia Ann Hurt, a former assistant prosecutor for Essex and Hudson counties.

A graduate of Howard University School of Law, Hurt could be a new political star in the making, offering the same kind of appeal Assemblywoman Nia Gill did in winning her first bid for Essex County Council.

Currently Hurt has a private practice specializing in real estate law and says she will forgo her law practice if elected but will remain as an adjunct professor in the paralegal studies program at Montclair State.

Hurt left the prosecutor's office in 1989 when she became director of municipal prosecutions

in the Newark Corporation Counsel office. She held the title as senior trial attorney in the child abuse squad in the Essex County prosecutor's office.

Almost everybody who is in Orange suspects Mayor Bob Brown's strongest opponent in the next municipal election will be councilman-at-large Mims Hackett, Jr.

He has the added strength of being chairman of the Orange Democratic Committee, the job formerly held by Brown. Like other new emerging leaders Mims believes general dissatisfaction among Democrats are opening new avenues for those who have managed to stay above reproach and who represent "one of the ways to bring respect back to the Democratic Party."

Former Essex County councilman Steve Thomas, a fellow well known to become ballistic on occasion, was blamed for a lot of the council's negative behavior when he was council president.

But who's to blame now? The council continues to have raucous meetings and be gridlocked on important issues, including votes on Federal grants and programs to bring money to the city.

There appears to be an even split between those who support Mayor Cooper and those who do not. On at least one occasion, the mayor exercised a rarely used opportunity to vote to break a tie on an issue that would bring megabucks to the community.

The East Orange council still has the earmarks of the bumbling, confused Keystone Kops comedies. Maybe video taping their procedures and playing it back for the members will convince a majority they ought to change their ways to improve the council and the city image.

The mayor and city council in Newark will have no one to blame but themselves if voters focus attention on what tax abatement in the city really means.

A story in a recent issue of the Sunday Record, a newspaper based in Bergen County, tells a sordid story as they follow a paper trail of a failed Bergen County savings and loan recommended for a \$28 million Newark property tax break.

The story brought together a cast of characters not to be believed, who allegedly reaped huge financial benefits as they reached out to win a tax

break for the Palisades Park S & L that when down the tube when it was seized by Federal regulators in 1991.

Ironically Newarkers were not surprised at allegations about Newark elected officials voting for the \$28 million tax rebate, but there was definite shock at accusations that former congressman Peter W. Rodino and political maverick, Eric Garrett were in the mix to seal the deal.

According to the Record reporter, Bruce Locklin, Rodino's law firm was paid \$350,000 for work on the tax abatement four years ago "for his political connections" but later became concerned that the former congressman might not have the political clout to sway Newark's majority of black elected officials because he is a white man.

The tax money was for Forest Hill Associates, a housing complex in Newark's North Ward and a subsidiary of Metrobank.

Garrett who had sold Tickerjaws worth \$10 million for one of Mayor Janus' famous birthday babies, suddenly became one of the major players after Forest Hill Associates agreed to pay \$200,000 to his consulting firm for help in getting the tax abatement.

The Record story lists only one council member not given a "donation" from an alleged \$18.9 million political contribution and that was councilman-at-large Donald Tucker.

These are definitely not happy days for elected Democrats. The above events happened four years ago and are being resurrected at a time when partisans can least afford to be scrutinized by voters.

People are still fuming about the Freeholders Who recently attended a national in Las Vegas for county officials.

Freeholders Pat Sebald and Johnnie Jones declined to take the trip and Freeholder Louise Palangas said she paid her own expenses, in addition to the Freeholders attending, county register, Larrise West Stalks, who will not be a candidate for reelection, took advantage of the opportunity to make one of her last appearances as an elected official and Newark East Ward Democratic chairman, Lou Turco, an aide to the Freeholder board went along on the junk.

Irvington officials may have bought themselves a passel of trouble in dumping Patricia (Pat) Weston Rivera as executive director if a

(Continued on page 5)

Davis speaks out about cook-out fiasco

Dear Editor:

August 28, 1994 will be one year since the East Orange 4th Avenue Cookout incident occurred [where a neighborhood cookout sponsored by Black Police Officers against Police Brutality was disrupted by white police officers]. Finally, I am speaking out.

Since that incident I was re-assigned from 4th Avenue to dispatcher duties, even though the Board of Police Commissioners and Chief Harman assured me, Dr. Leonard Jeffries and about 200 East Orange residents on October 5, 1993 that there would be no retaliation against me for exercising my first amendment right of free speech at a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

I was told, as was the East Orange community that it was all "a misunderstanding," according to the Police Commissioner. "Officer Davis was temporarily reassigned for his own safety," said Chief Harman. However, I must make the public clearly aware that my safety has never been jeopardized like it is now, in and around police headquarters. My life, has been threatened on at least two occasions directly and indirectly by police officers/supervisors from East Orange's police department. Additionally, my co-workers are often told, "If you want to keep your job, stay away from Officer Davis."

Despite repeated requests to be returned to 4th Avenue, where crime has increased outrageously since I was removed, there has been no response. In fact, my schedule has been changed to eliminate weekends off which has caused a hardship on my family.

As I have expressed to the Chief of Police, while many women are trying to find the fathers of their children, this police department is doing all in its power to ensure that I cannot be a father to my child whom I spend time with on the weekends.

Nevertheless, this year, with the strength of the Almighty God and many committed people of good will, "we" forged ahead toward the 3rd Annual 4th Avenue Cookout. Keeping consistent with our theme, "Our Children Are Our Future." Lead by Example, "this was an incident, hands off a South Orange children enjoyed themselves and our mission was accomplished. But, I must point out the obvious.

The Chief of Police did not attend the cook-out or acknowledge the invitation.

This event which was indeed a group effort was supported by Congressman David Payne who addressed the audience. Senator Frank Lautenberg whose Aide was in attendance; the City of East Orange including Councilwomen Meacham, Williams, Blake and Councilwomen Patterson and Clark who cooked all day; Bloomfield's Mayor Norton who sent a letter and Police Chief M. Niff who accepted the invitation and sent two officers who mingled with the crowd.

Throughout the week Chief M. Niff called me several times to ensure proper coordination, which we thoroughly appreciated. Reverend Reginald Jackson of St. Matthews AME in Orange, gave the Invocation. Many residents opened their homes to our entertainers, politicians and children. Also, the business owners who donated thousands of pieces of food items, I thank you.

One must question, why didn't the Chief of Police attend or just send a representative to the cookout? One must remember that children learn by observation and participation, not do as say. This event was for our children. Could two adults not come together in unity for the greater good? More importantly, if we adults will not move from our suburban positions and "I am not a wonder, that our children are killing each other because they are..."

For obvious reasons, I must now appeal to you, the public. Please ask everyone who professes to represent you, the following:

Why is it that an officer who has been given the highest award in the county for community policing by the National Black Police Association cannot be re-assigned to a beat that the community insists he has helped to improve?

Why was the 600 signature petition requesting that I be returned to 4th Avenue ignored?

How many more children must be robbed and shot on 4th Avenue before the Chief of Police agrees to sit down and talk with me?

Should I be physically harmed by a fellow officer who's liable? Also, who's responsible?

I have made five requests to meet with Chief Harman since May 29, 1993, why was there no response?

One must remember that no man is an island unto himself. Police work has no room for petty personality conflicts: the condition of our children is critical, they "are our future" and we must lead by example."

It seems as though the powers-that-be have gone so far and gotten so deeply involved in these "Serpio" maneuvers that they can't turn back now. But brothers and sisters, if you suddenly wake up and realize that you're going the wrong way, please remember that "God Allows U-Turns."

Dr. Lacy D. Davis
East Orange Police Officer

A tax on health benefits is a tax on our lives

Dear Editor:

Much attention has been focused on Senator Bradley's votes against employer mandates, and while it is cause for much outrage it unfortunately has overshadowed something equally outrageous being pushed by the senator; a tax on health benefits which will make it harder for middle-class families to afford decent health care plans.

The "Bradley" tax is a 25 percent tax on the top 45 percent of health care plans in terms of cost. This would affect many fee-for-service plans that give consumers choice of their health care provider. By raising the cost of these plans, many middle-class families will lose out.

In New Jersey, we estimate that those families with a premium exceeding \$5,366 would be subject to the tax. Today, the average cost for a family health care plan is \$5,312.

The only fair way to finance health care is by requiring all employers to share in the cost of their employee's health care. The "Bradley" tax is a regressive tax and should be rejected as unfair to middle-class families.

Phyllis Salovey-Kaye
Executive Director
New Jersey Citizen Action

City News		SUBSCRIPTION FORM	
☐ \$30	CITY NEWS & HEARTBEAT	☐	
☐ \$15	MINORITY BUSINESS JOURNAL	☐	
☐ \$10	MINORITY BUSINESS TO BUSINESS DIRECTORY	☐	
☐	SEND ADVERTISING INFORMATION	☐	
Family Package ☐ \$50			
Subscribe today and don't miss a beat! ✓ appropriate box to indicate subscription desired.			
Name _____			
Address _____			
City _____		State _____ Zip _____	
Home Phone _____		Business Phone _____	
✉ Make check payable and send to: City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061			

Religious Calendar

EVERY THURSDAY

ELIZABETH—A free mid-day concert series "Shop, Look, and Listen" will take place at The First Presbyterian Church from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. For more info, contact Sylvia Rivera at 908-558-2550.

EAST ORANGE—Summer in the City presents an "Afternoon of Gospel Music" at Severall Park from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more info, call 201-266-5147/5123. For hearing impaired call TTY - New Jersey Relay 1-800-7897.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

NEWARK—WJRB Productions presents a black tie fund raiser dinner benefit for The Lighthouse at the Newark Club from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., featuring internationally acclaimed model Roz Johnson and singer James Hall. For more info, call 201-923-4787 or 201-705-4677.

SEPTEMBER 10 - 11

NEWARK—Interfaith Expo 94 is coming to Newark at the Robert Treat Hotel. The expo will feature 100 vendors for shopping, food, jazz, and gospel music and a gospel music play "A Mother Cried For Her Children." For more info, call 201-399-5270 or 1-800-324-8921.

Send religious events to
City News
144 North Ave.
Plainfield, NJ 07060

Don't miss the next issue of **Heartbeat** dedicated to the progress and needs of minority health in NJ

All God's Children
Introducing... **URIEL**

SPECIAL EVENT

Uriel, the All God's Children 1994 Special Event figurine is available at our store only during this event. This is the first time that artist Martha Holcombe has sculpted a figurine exclusively for collector events. Don't miss out on the opportunity to have this adorable angel become an important part of your collection!

Sunday September 11, 1994
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The Hair & Nail Nook
1910 Park Ave. South Plainfield, NJ
(908) 561-9692



IF THE NOISE COMING FROM NEXT DOOR WERE LOUD MUSIC, YOU'D DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.



Cisneros promises AIDS housing initiative

WASHINGTON, DC—Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Henry G. Cisneros promised AIDS advocates on August 6 that his department plans to launch new initiatives to improve housing opportunities for men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS.

The pledge came in an emotional two-and-a-half-hour meeting between Cisneros and 12 AIDS housing advocates, including AIDS Action Legislative Council Aimee Berenson.

The meeting was called to brief the nation's top housing officials on

the importance of adequate housing to People With AIDS (PWAs), their health and well being and to provide a forum for AIDS housing residents, providers and advocates to discuss the depths of the housing crisis facing PWAs.

The participants shared with the secretary personal stories about inaccessibility, discrimination and inadequate resources for PWAs, who face illegal eviction from their homes, loss of housing as a result of illness and lost wages, and greater needs for supportive services as a result of declining health.

In response, the secretary proposed the creation of a new HIV/AIDS Office at HUD to improve the department's planning, coordination and implementation of policies and programs relating to PWAs, and committed to ongoing dialogue and efforts to find shorter term solutions to the problems.

"In the thirteen years of the AIDS epidemic, this is the first time that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has shown genuine interest in and commitment to addressing one of the most significant problems facing PWAs," Berenson said.

"We look forward to working with Secretary Cisneros to see the realiza-

tion of this new partnership with HUD and to finally see some meaningful response to this disgraceful housing crisis.

People have a fundamental right to live and die in their own homes with their friends and families around them."

Berenson is a steering committee member of the National AIDS Housing Coalition (NAHC), which coordinated the meeting.

In its 1993 final report, the National Commission on AIDS noted that "more flexibility and attention by the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the hous-

(Continued on page 10)

African-American Education Center celebrates 20 years

ENGLWOOD—The African American Educational Center of North Jersey, housed in the Teaneck-Englewood area this year celebrates its 20th year of service to the North Jersey area.

The Center's program was housed in the St. Anastasia's School in Teaneck from its inception in 1974 until the school closed in 1990.

The center then moved to its present location at the Jane E. Dismas Middle School in Englewood.

According to Joan Waite, co-founder and executive director, "Our Saturday educational enrichment program has been successful because it has lived out its mission of encouraging both children and adults to develop a sense of self-awareness through the understanding of history and culture, to explore the process of critical thinking and analysis, and to become socially conscious individuals."

"From an early emphasis on history, culture and the visual arts, the Center's offerings have expanded to include a core curriculum of science, computer education and dramatic arts from pre-K through 8th grade, and a PSAT/SAT preparation program for high school students."

Workshops to be introduced this fall include a Rites of Passage program for girls and boys in grades 8

through 10 and an African Dance class for grades 8 through 12.

Temple-Jene Fleming, one of the Center's newest board members, who is also a parent, says, "I am impressed by the records set by the center's graduates, many of whom have won National Merit and National Achievement awards and scholarships, graduated from college, started businesses and become high achievers in their chosen professions."

"For instance, Douglas Glanville, who attended the Center from pre-K through high school, now holds a degree in engineering and is a professional minor league baseball player with the Chicago Cubs."

The Center's unique program attracts parents and youth throughout New Jersey and as far north as Spring Valley, N.Y.

The A.A.E.C. is a private non-profit organization that welcomes participants from all cultural and religious groups who are interested in African-American heritage. For tuition fee and other information, please call the Center at 201-816-0060.

Newark school district offers free immunization

NEWARK—The Newark School District, in cooperation with the Newark Education Council, is offering free immunization for school-age children during the week of September 12 through 16.

Coordinated through the Office of Health Education and Services, the School Immunization Program will provide physical examinations and immunizations at specified school locations in each of the city's five wards.

When registering a child for school, the required immunization records must include specific dates and locations for measles vaccination. Records must also show that the child has received a minimum of four doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis vaccine.

One of the four doses must have been administered on or after the child's fourth birthday. In addition, the child's record should show vaccines for Rubella and Mumps and a minimum of three doses of oral Polio vaccine. One of the three

doses must have been administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.

Children who have not received the required immunizations will have an opportunity to do so as part of the program. Parents and guardians should bring the child's shot records to one of the five sites on the dates listed between the hours of 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. For more information on the School Immunization Program call, 201-733-7151.

- **South Ward**
Monday, September 12
G. W. Carver School
- **East Ward**
Tuesday, September 13
Wilson Avenue School
- **North Ward**
Wednesday, September 14
Roberto Clemente School
- **West Ward**
Thursday, September 15
Alexander Street School
- **Central**
Friday, September 16
Quitman Street School

Health Calendar

EVERY SATURDAY

WEST ORANGE—The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, sponsors a free swim program at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Carol or Laurie at 201-984-6667.

EVERY MONDAY

EDISON—Chemical Dependency Family Education, sponsored by the JFK Center for Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Treatment, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more info, call 908-634-7810.

EVERY TUESDAY

IRVINGTON—Free WIC & Lead Testing, 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. at the Irvington Health Dept. For pregnant and nursing women from birth to 5 yrs. old, lead poisoning and anemia children. Blood Tests are free, walk-ins are welcomed.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

IRVINGTON—Free Baby Clinic: Afternoon's. Held at the Irvington General Hospital for newborns to 5 yrs. old. "YOU MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT 399-6652"

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

NEWARK—Free confidential AIDS counseling and testing, Mon-Fri. 9-6 p.m. Sat. 9-4 p.m. Newark Community Health Centers. Call 201-565-0555 for appointment, or Plainfield Health Center at 908-753-6401.

Send health events to
City News
144 North Ave.
Plainfield, NJ 07060

Professional Directory

"A BUSINESS SOLUTIONS & SERVICES COMPANY"
COMPUTER & OFFICE SUPPLIES
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
BUSINESS CONSULTING
TRAINING

HIGH PERFORMANCE ALTERNATIVES, INC.

320 PARK AVENUE • SUITE 1000 • PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07060

(908) 757-4721

FAX (908) 757-1992

P & U FINANCIAL SERVICES

CREDIT REPORTS CORRECTED
CREDIT RESTORATION/REPAIR
DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICE
DEBT CONSOLIDATION PLAN
GUARANTEED RESULTS
FREE CONSULTATION
(WE ALSO SELL DO IT YOURSELF KITS)
FOR APPOINTMENT CALL

201-374-9191

964 SANFORD AVE IRVINGTON, N.J. 07111

(CORNER OF CLINTON AVE)

TURNED DOWN FOR CREDIT AGAIN?

CREDIT REPAIR ASSOCIATES CAN HELP YOU!

Using federal and state laws, we can help you remove all type of negative information from your credit reports.

LATE PAYMENTS, CHARGE-OFFS, REPOSSESSIONS, TAX LIENS, COLLECTION ACCOUNTS, BANKRUPTCIES AND OTHER NEGATIVE INFORMATION

Any type of negative information in your credit report can make you pay higher interest on car loans, mortgages etc. Worst of all, it can prevent you from obtaining any credit at all.

Call Credit Repair Associates - 908-322-1603

For as little as \$29.00 down and \$49.00 a month you can have all the derogatory information removed from your credit profile. For a free consultation, call

BRYAN MCGAURAN, CREDIT REPAIR ASSOCIATES

1012 Front Street South Plains, NJ 07076 (908) 322-1603 ext 202 Fax (908) 322-0891

Notary Public 908-756-4429
Fax 908-756-3095

JUDKINS COLONIAL HOME, INC.

428 West Fourth Street
Plainfield, N.J. 07061

K. Reva Judkins, Pres
Harvey L. Judkins, V. Pres.

H. Leslie Judkins, Sec.
Fred L. Hunt, Funeral Dir.

CIGNA Financial Advisors
Insurance & Investments

WE CAN HELP YOU DISCOVER

A NEW

FINANCIAL FUTURE

✓ INVESTMENT PLANNING

✓ RETIREMENT PLANNING

✓ STRATEGIC INSURANCE PLANNING

PETER BLAKE

(609) 482-8100

* Insurance Offered Through Cigna Affiliates *

220 LAKE DRIVE EAST, SUITE 300 CHERKY HILL, NEW JERSEY 08902

Bookkeeping

For small businesses and sole practitioners.

+ word processing and office support

KMT OFFICE SUPPORT SERVICE

(201) 279-0587

BROWN'S FUNERAL HOME

122 Plainfield Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

(908) 756-4241

OR

1-800-288-4241

TYREE P. JONES

Manager

DIANE JONES GENTLES

Funeral Director

YOUR BUSINESS CARD HERE

Advertise your business in
City News.

Call 908-754-3400

DANIEL A. WILLIAMSON
Attorney at Law
900 MADISON AVENUE
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07060
(908) 754-6666
GENERAL PRACTICE
CRIMINAL LAW, REAL ESTATE, LANDLORD/TENANT
DIVORCE/CUSTODY/ADOPTION
WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS, PERSONAL INJURY CORPORATIONS

THERE'S NO EXCUSE
for Domestic Violence.

Domestic Violence
Prevention Fund

ATZ WEDNESDAY

Billboard

The quiet voices of Fred Rogers' heroes

AUGUST 4 THRU 28
METUCHEN—"Hello Muddah, Hello Paddah" returns to The Forum Theater with show times Thursday through Saturday 8 p.m. and Sundays 2:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-548-0582.

NOW THRU AUGUST 31
BOUND BROOK—Artist Doree McGrail will be exhibiting a new series of paintings at the Palmira Gallery. For more info, call 908-302-0515.

NOW THRU AUGUST 28
SOMERSET—"The Thirties musical 'Ain't Misbehavin'" will be performed at the Villagers Theatre. Showtimes on Fridays and Saturdays are at 8:30 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. For tickets and info, call 908-873-2710.

TRENTON—"Babes In Arms" opens at the Mill Hill Playhouse on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Special rates are available. For more info, call 609-394-8261.

AUGUST 9 THRU JANUARY 29, 1995
NEW YORK—"The Metropolitan Museum of Art will feature an exhibition, 'The Raft's Gifts: Stone Vessels from Egypt.' Objects dating back to the stone age will be on display. For more info, call 212-670-3591.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24
MOUNTAINTIDE—"The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra will perform at the Union County Summer Arts Festival at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-527-4900 or call 212-633-7000.

ORANGE—"The City of Orange Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs presents a free concert 'Women in Jazz' featuring Karen Lupton and The Davis Robinson All Stars. For more info, call 201-266-4045.

AUGUST 24, 25, 27, 29
NEW YORK—"The Far" presents the return of "Everything but the Girl," performing at 9 p.m. For more info, call 212-533-7000.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
EAST ORANGE—"There will be a Saturday Night Dance featuring La Rocque Bay Dance Company at East Orange High School Annex at 6 p.m. For more info, call 201-266-5339.

AUGUST 27 AND 28
BUDD LAKE—"The 4th Annual American Indian Powwow and Western Festival will be held at N.J. Vista Park on Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The traditional flapjack breakfast will be held both days from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-370-5299.

POINT PLEASANT—"The 1994 Easter Society of New Jersey will host a Beach Volleyball Adventure at Jenkins's Inlet Beach from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more info, call 1-800-1468-0027.

WESTBURY—"Donna Summer will be performing at the Westbury Music Fair. Showtimes at 9 p.m. For tickets and information call 516-334-0800.

AUGUST 29 THRU SEPTEMBER 3
NEW YORK—"Pete Mallinverni, Tod Coolman, and Ralph LaLuna will be performing at Zinno Bar and Restaurant. For more info, call 212-924-5182.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
WESTBURY—"The Reggae Summerfest will be at the Westbury Music Fair. For more info, or for tickets call 516-334-0800.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
HOBOKEN—"LA DI DA, an open stage free-form gathering of local artists, will be held along the Hudson River at Sinatra Drive and 5th St. from 1 p.m. to sunset. For more info, contact Neal at 201-456-3103.

PLAINFIELD—"The Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce will have the 31st Annual 'Festival of Art' at Library Park in historic Van Wyck Brooks District from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artist wanting to exhibit must pre-register. For more info contact the Chamber at 908-754-7250.

NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4
MONTCLAIR—"Ching Marks Drawings will be on display at The Montclair Art Museum. A selection of 9 large scale works by a Jersey City artist. For more info, or hour call 201-740-5555.

Send Billboard Calendar events to:
 City News
 P.O. Box 1774
 Plainfield, NJ 07060

See It! Save It!
 Coming Next Week
 to this Newspaper

FOX

1994 Fall Television
 Preview Insert

See It! Save It!

It's not always a beautiful day in the neighborhood of Rockwell Gardens—a Chicago housing project—where guns are so common that kids are afraid when they walk home from school. "They shoot at gangs," says 12-year-old Derrick, "and they might hit an innocent bystander...like me."

In May, Fred Rogers and his crew were in Rockwell Gardens taping a segment of the upcoming PBS Special for adults: *Fred Rogers' Heroes, Who's Helping America's Children*, which airs Tuesday, September 6, at 8 p.m. Eastern Time. The local hero was Olomenji O'Connor, creator of Project Peace, a program which teaches peer mediation and conflict resolution to students at five inner-city elementary schools.

O'Connor is one of four special people whose quiet dedication to the welfare of the children in their communities brought them invitations to take part in Fred Rogers' uplifting tribute to America's unsung heroes.

Olomenji O'Connor grew up in the projects himself and eventually dropped out of high school. He understands the fear and frustration young people feel, and he respects their courage.

"All kids are not violent," he points out. "They don't like the idea of dodging bullets...nobody does."



Fred Rogers' Heroes, Who's Helping America's Children, a PBS primetime special, airs Tuesday, September 6, 8-9 p.m. Eastern Time. Photo by Lynn Johnson

But while most children do not want to be involved in conflict, many of them see no other choices.

Through Project Peace, O'Connor is helping the students find safe, healthy ways to express difficult feelings and handle tough situations, the very skills Fred Rogers has nurtured in three generations of young viewers on Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

O'Connor is clear about his goals for the graduates of Project Peace. "What I hope, is that they will begin to have a sense of themselves...they will understand that they need to cooperate and collaborate...that they themselves

will stop their own violence."

O'Connor's optimistic determination is one of the qualities Rogers finds heroic. Many people today feel overwhelmed by the scope and complexity of our society's problems. Discouraged and alienated, they find it hard to imagine that any one person's efforts can have a real or lasting impact. Their hopelessness paralyzes them.

But like Olomenji O'Connor, Fred Rogers' heroes refuse to let the present mood of despair defeat their commitment to the young people in whom they've invested so much care.



Actor/Comedian Bill Cosby

Boys Choir of Harlem to release debut CD Hope



The Boys Choir of Harlem

NEW YORK—Eastwest Records America is proud to announce the release of the debut contemporary album *Hope* from The Boys Choir Of Harlem, one of the most renowned vocal groups in the world. The group will feature eleven selections from the choir's powerful and inspirational repertoire, including Power, Children of the World, Amazing Grace and Bye De Mandela. *Hope* will be released on October 18th.

"It represents not only a musical adventure, but a spiritual one as

well," says founder Walter J. Turnbull. "The music on this album reflects the wide range of emotion and hope that characterizes The Boys Choir Of Harlem."

Offering a vital and vibrant alternative for talented young people from the inner city, the New York based choir has not only toured the United States, Europe and Japan, but has recorded tracks for the Grammy-Award winning Glory soundtrack and A Soulful Celebration. "Working on The Boys Choir Of Harlem album is a dream come true," says Turnbull.

Mother Jugs and Speed is a humorous, satirical look at a private ambulance service in Los Angeles. Bill Cosby as the driver, displays all of the charm, wit timing and comedic skill that made him a superstar. On WBAC-TV August 27th at 11:30 p.m.

Season Finale for Ain't Misbehavin' at the Villagers Theatre



SOMERSET—The final performances for *Ain't Misbehavin'* will be held at the Villagers Theatre on Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. For ticket information please call 908-873-2710.

Join us for
 the 5th
WBGO

JAZZ RECORD FAIR
JAZZ 88
 Sunday, September 11th
NEWARK GATEWAY CENTER
 (Penn Station Complex)
 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM
 Admission \$5

- Records (old & new)
- CDs
- Books
- Art
- Jewelry
- Boutique Clothing
- Crafts

Plus!
 A Jazz Concert in the
 Gateway Hilton Ballroom at 4pm!

WBGO - 88.3 FM

For more information,
 Call Donata Kurtz at (201) 624-8880

For advertisements in the program,
 Call Rob Rapp at (201) 624-8880

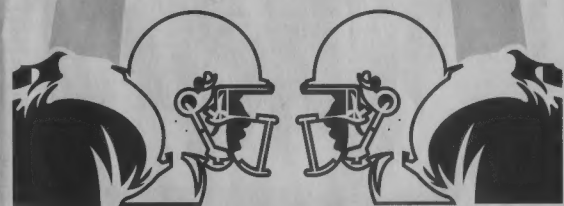
Budweiser

GATEWAY CLASSIC

SEPTEMBER 3, 1994

**BUSCH STADIUM
 ST. LOUIS, MO**

For Tickets Call:
 Metroix (314) 534-1111



HOWARD UNIVERSITY VS. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Proceeds Benefit Educational And Charitable Organizations

©1994 HOWARD UNIVERSITY AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

CITY BUSINESS

Doing business the Naughty way

Business Calendar

by Sherry Burrus

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY

NEWARK—Business network, buffet, and dance party. Every 1st Friday of the month at Sheraton Inn-Newark Airport 5:30 p.m.-1 p.m. \$10/tee, \$7 before 8 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

PLAINFIELD—Consumer Credit Counseling Service of N.J., Inc., will provide counseling services at United National Bank's Community Education Center. For more info call 201-267-4324.

PLAINFIELD—Compliance for Small Businesses' United National Bank's Community Education Center will be offering a course on Form 10 which is necessary to legally employ people in the U.S. 8:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Instructor will be Tony Papasuo, Supervisory Special Agent, U.S. Dept. of Immigration. For more info call Dorothy Pollard 908-756-9500.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

NEWARK—The next meeting of the Washington Commons Development Corporation will be held at 540 Broad St., second floor conference room. For more info, call 201-430-9000.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

NEWARK—The next meeting of the Center City Development Corporation will be held at the Newark Club at 8 a.m. For more info, call 201-430-9000.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

NEW BRUNSWICK—NJABDO will host a "Get Ready for the New Economy" program at the Hyatt Regency at 6 p.m. For reservations call 908-721-3030.

NEW PROVIDENCE—Congressman Bob Franks will be sponsoring a Seventh Congressional District Small Business Day at the New Providence Borough Municipal Complex. For more info, call 908-686-5575.

Send Business events to
City News:

Business is definitely booming for rappers Naughty by Nature, who decided to take their success to another level with the July opening of a Hip Hop clothing store, Naughty Gear Inc. The traffic flow seemed almost endless as the store houses everything from clothing, to mugs, clocks, miniature bats, towels, sheets, watches, dice, key chains and sticker with prices as low as a dollar. So there's definitely something for everyone.

According to Vinny Brown, co-owner and member of the group.

"We put this store in this area as opposed to the mall, because we wanted to bring back to the neighborhood. This is where we come from—the Newark area. We want to encourage our own people to open up their own businesses in their community."

"It makes no sense for us to be down here spending all our money and none of us own any of the shops and stores down here."

While Naughty Gear Inc. is new to the public and fans, Naughty gear is not. The group has been selling

Naughty Gear ever since their arrival into the music industry. T-Shirts and stickers with the logo "You down wit O.P.P." took the city by storm. They then expanded to catalog mail orders and once again the response was overwhelming, leading to bigger and better things—Naughty Gear Inc., both of which were inspired by Spike Lee.

So what's next for the trio? Expansions. According to Brown, there are plans to open a Naughty Gear Inc. store in Willowbrook Mall, Willowbrook, N.J. as well as in other malls. And if all goes well, they will also expand Naughty Gear overseas.

But with every business comes cheers and jeers from the public and critics alike. Brown and store manager Kevin Jackson address some of the misconceptions and pet peeves.

"Some people come in here and not knowing anything about business will say 'Why does everything in here have Naughty by Nature on it?'"

Well Warner Bros. has a store, you go in and all you see is Warner Bros. stuff. Disney does too and all you see is Disney stuff. And so does Sesame Street. So if this is a Naughty Gear store, all you gonna see basically is Naughty

by Nature stuff.

"People will say 'Oh they charge too much.' But they don't know what it takes to get these goods in here. And if they would really look, they could go down the street and see the same goods at the same price. But just because it's us, or they see a black owned business they'll look at the prices and say 'Oh my God they're trying to over charge us,'" stated Brown.

Jackson posed a very crucial question to black consumers and questions their willingness to support white designers versus black designers.

"My only question is, How come kids are willing to go out and support Calvin Klein, Guess, Polo, all that stuff? These are people who never come back to their (black) community or do anything for them, (but black consumers are) willing to go into their stores, and not question the price and buy it (clothing). But come in here and question us."

"I even explain to them our prices aren't higher than any prices out here. If we pay thirty dollars for something it's being sold down the street for \$45, we can't sell it for \$60 (the store receives a 100 percent mark up). We can't do that. We've got to sell it for \$45. Brown explained.



Naughty Gear store manager Kevin Jackson and co-owner Vinny Brown outside their Newark store.

"And another thing, if you don't like Naughty by Nature, and granted there are people that don't like Naughty by Nature, there are going to be people who don't like Naughty Gear, but you don't have to come in here expressing your views. If you don't like anything you see, at least be supportive that it's black business," commented Jackson.

So while Brown and Jackson are busy running Naughty Gear, what are

the other members of the group. Treach and Kay Gee, doing "Treasure" runs Illtown Films, directing videos and developing scripts and movies, while Kay Gee runs Illtown records, the groups production and record label. Each member of the group's equally owns each of the three companies.

Naughty Gear Inc. is open Monday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Smart investing begins with careful risk calculations

by Bryan Baker

Many first-time investors and retired people shy away from equity investments, regarding them as too risky. The irony is that investors who try to avoid taking risks are in fact flirting with the very real risk that inflation may erode their "safe" investments.

It's becoming increasingly difficult

to beat inflation, especially by keeping the majority of your money in bank CDs. In today's market, an appropriate mix of stocks and bonds is essential.

However, it is important to be careful as well as aggressive. Before settling on an asset allocation plan, investors should undertake a rigorous examination of both their short-term and long-term financial goals in order to identify an appropriate level

of risk for their investments.

All investments involve risk. But risk levels vary significantly. Even an investment that insures your principal and guarantees your interest rate carries the risk that future inflation rates will diminish the value of your return.

In general, stocks are more risky than bonds, small-company stocks carry more risk than large-company stocks, and high-yield bonds are more risky than high-quality bonds. And, of course, stocks and bonds are more risky than CDs, which offer insured principal and fixed or variable rates.

While a number of considerations should factor into risk calculations, including personal financial goals and risk tolerance, age is generally considered to be one of the most important factors.

Investors in their twenties and thirties should place most of their investments in stock mutual funds. Historically, stocks have provided healthy returns if investors maintained their investments over the long term. Young investors also enjoy the advantage of having 20 or more years in which to help compensate for any losses before college expenses and retirement costs become an issue.

As investors mature, their investment plans should change as well. In general, asset allocation shifts reflect a gradual decrease in risk level, usually by reducing investments in equities and placing more money in bonds. But, even in retirement, they should put a portion of assets in stocks—historically one of the best weapons for fighting the effects of inflation over the long term.

Retired investors should not withdraw from the market entirely; instead they should consider diversifying a portion of their assets into growth-oriented investments, such as stock mutual funds that can provide their money with a way to combat the eroding effects of inflation. Avoiding risk to principal completely by shifting all assets into "guaranteed" CDs or Treasury bills offers the opportunity for growth in principle.

What's important is the level of risk that it's appropriate for the individual investor. For some people it comes down to a personality trait. If you are generally a conservative person when it comes to taking chances, you might sleep better at night knowing that you have invested in companies that are more likely to yield a steady, if modest, return. It is important to understand your financial goals, and your personal tolerance for risk, and then find the investment mix that's right for you.

Your local financial representative can assist you in establishing a comprehensive, disciplined investment program. For more information, contact Bryan Baker of First Business Bank, at 1-800-456-6545 ext. 7649.

NatWest celebrates Newark branch restoration



NatWest Bank's University Heights Branch in Newark, formerly known as the Springfield Avenue Branch, recently hosted a reception to celebrate its renovation and name change. The completely renovated branch has a modernized customer service area and four new State-of-the-art touch screen NatWest 24 Hour Bank ATM's with instructions in English, Spanish, and Chinese. In the photo, (L to R) Newark Mayor Sharpe James tries his hand at the computer, as Central Ward Councilman George Branch, and NatWest Community Development Vice President Nat Harris look on. "This restoration clearly demonstrates our commitment to our customers and to the revitalization of the City of Newark," says Mr. Harris. "We have changed the name of our branch to reflect the area, which has a strong concentration of educational and governmental facilities." NatWest's University Heights Branch is located at 1 Springfield Avenue. Three ATM's, two outdoor walk-up and one drive-thru, have 24 hour accessibility. One ATM is located in the Bank's lobby.

Whitman signs legislations into law

TRENTON—Governor Christine Whitman recently signed a series of legislations into effect this month. They are:

S-434, which provides for payment of equity interest by a district withdrawing from a limited-purpose regional school district and permits issuance of bonds for the payment. At this time, only Winslow Township and the Lower Camden County Regional School District will be affected.

S-641, which increases membership of the Board of Directors of the N.J. Small Employer Health Benefits Program by seven seats, from 11 to 18 members.

S-930, which authorizes counties to create a five-member food distribution authority to establish and operate a food distribution center.

S-318, which provides for local government landfill-mining demonstration projects and allows local governments to seek a grant for those projects from the Solid Waste Man-

agement Research and Development Fund Landfill mining attempts to recover recyclable materials for resale.

A-378, which allows municipalities and counties to utilize "cap banking" in their annual budgeting. Under the practice, counties and municipalities may carry over for up to two years amount equal to that by which their annual appropriations falls below the state-mandated budget cap.

A-899, which supplements the "Air Pollution Control Act." The so-called "permit-at-risk" measure allows private entities in certain cases, to construct pollution-control equipment without applying for a permit for the project from the Department of Environmental Protection.

A-1081, which clarifies loss-ratio and other requirements of the Individual Health Coverage Act for certain health insurers.

A-1620, which increases the "loan-to-value" amount permitted under mortgage guaranty insurance from 95 to 97 percent.

WHO'S MAKING NEWS?

NJN, "The New Jersey Channel"

Join NJN News anchors Kent Manahan and Steve Highsmith every weeknight at 6, 7 and 11 p.m.

NJN NEWS: THE NEWS SOURCE
FOR NEW JERSEY



THE NEW JERSEY CHANNEL

Channels 22, 50, 52, 58 • All New Jersey cable systems • Syndicated on NJN Radio 93.7 FM, serving central and southern New Jersey

Giblin concedes race

(Continued from page 1)

irregularities in failing to comply with procedures are not sufficient to void a voter's ballot," he said. "Voiding a ballot and disenfranchising a voter is too harsh a remedy when the deficiency does not affect the integrity of the electoral process," Humphreys continued.

In making the decision, Humphreys found no evidence of fraud or malicious intent on the part of the candidates or election workers. However, he cited that poll workers mishandled the ballots because of the "newness and complexity" of rules and regulations involved in managing emergency ballots.

The judge noted that poll workers failed to fill proper forms and follow procedures on several occasions. In one instance, he said that emergency ballots were taken to East Orange City Hall instead of sealed back into the ballot box.

In another case involving Livingston ballots, Humphreys noted that the ballots were "overlooked" when a machine was opened two days after the June 7 primary. Weeks later, when the machine was opened for a second count, 15 of 30 ballots were found to have been used.

In closing remarks, Cooper attorney Douglas Bakley stated that the rights of voters should not be negated because of mistakes made by elec-

tion workers. He said that there were no laws on the books which mandate that voters should be deprived of their rights based on what was done with an emergency ballot after it was voted.

John Carlone, a Giblin attorney said that even though there was no indication of wrongdoing, there was a "potential and opportunity for fraud," because of errors made in the handling of the ballots.

However, Humphreys decided that the errors were the result of the complex and new statutes concerning emergency ballots established in 1992. "What is needed is more and better training of election officials," he said. "And not depriving 37 citizens of their right to vote," he continued.

"We have learned that every vote counts, that every voice is important," Cooper said. He added, "We have been reminded that justice is always worth pursuing."

Another judge appointed by Humphreys had begun hearing arguments on alleged improprieties in absentee ballots when Giblin made the announcement. Humphreys had chosen Judge James Convery of Middlesex County, a family court judge, to hear the case in an effort to save time and tax dollars.

President of the United Clergy of

the Oranges, Reverend Reginald Jackson, who staged a rally in support of Cooper, said he was satisfied and that Giblin had made the best choice for the county, and party. He was content that the judge upheld voters' rights.

"We're extremely happy," he said. "We have always insisted that voter's rights should not be disenfranchised. Judge Humphreys saw to it that the voices of the people counted."

Newark Councilman Ronald Rice who came under attack after he stated that the Clergy was trying to stir up trouble in their support for Cooper, was delighted that the court has settled the issue. He also added that the decision showed the flaws in the election rules for emergency ballots.

"It is clear to me that we need to go back on the whole process (emergency ballots) to make sure that people have the right to vote without fraud," he said.

He also stated that the public wants to see the party united and going forward to tackle real issues of the campaign. He said that Cooper and Giblin working together shows that there are no hard feelings. "They've been together since Cooper was working well together," he said, and "they will continue to do that."

Cisneros promises

(Continued from page 6)

housing needs of people living with HIV would diminish the problems of homelessness" and that better housing could substantially reduce unnecessary hospitalizations.

AIDS Action Council, founded in 1984, is the only national organization devoted solely to lobbying the federal government for AIDS policy, legislation and funding. AIDS Action Council represents more than 1000 community-based AIDS service organizations throughout the United States.

Fury wants action

(Continued from page 1)

mediately as Chairman of the Redevelopment Agency. If they are not true, then he should repudiate them in writing, express his support and commitment to the project and let's move on. I particularly want to know why the agency can't get a quorum, and what the City Council plans to do about it, since PRA is an agency of the Council.

"The city lot of redevelopment land is controlled by the city council or PRA, which is a councilmatic agency. They need to move on the Teppers redevelopment project," said Mayor Fury.

The mayor also reported that in the past six months, developers of the Teppers Redevelopment Group have been invited to four PRA meetings, only to find that no quorum was present.

However, Predhoka says that the

project is and has been underway. There will be a meeting with the developers, PRA and hopefully the city council, the planning board, and other interested parties on August 24. But, the city does not have clear title to the property and PRA can not proceed until the property is purchased by the city.

"There is a major stumbling block in the project, which I have informed the builders of, and that is, we do not own the property being promised to them, we do not have the funds to buy the property as an agency and in the best city knowledge the city does not have the fund to acquire the property."

"But, we must acquire the property. Every property that is considered blighted in the area has parcels in-between lots that are owned by individuals and that are not owned

entirely by the PRA or the city. That is a problem. You cannot build on someone else's property... We, the PRA, are not funded to buy them (property). The city has never given the PRA the authority to take ownership of property nor the authority to sell bonds to buy the property," stated Predhoka.

The Mayor said that he is willing to wait a few weeks to see if the PRA can develop an action plan to get this project moving. In the meantime, he will seek approval to get consultants to continue to develop the project and to put the Teppers project back on track using people who know what they are doing. The Mayor says that the city council must become partners in the redevelopment of Plainfield. "We cannot let one monkey stop this show," said Mayor Fury.

Takeover hot topic

(Continued from page 1)

Bell responded to the woman. He also demanded that the woman give the school board a list of the city's needs. Reed added that the elected board would be removed and services of the district auditors and attorneys would be terminated.

She also said that under a takeover, a 15-member advisory board, 13 of whom would be appointed by the State and two by the City Council, would make recommendations to the Commissioner but would have no vote in implementing programs and changes.

Bell then asked anyone on the panel to answer charges of mismanagement and criminality. Newark City Councilman-at-Large Donald Tucker who chaired the event, replied that no one had been indicted on any of such charges. "No one has been indicted above and beyond the CCH (Comprehensive Compliance Investigation) report," he said. He added that the question of criminality is not a result of the State's proposal.

Superintendent Campbell denied State allegations that he held contracts from those who did not participate in his scholarship program which consisted 80 youngsters last year. He also gave the crowd an outline of his reform plan for the schools. He said that under his plan, a student graduating from Newark schools will have the hub of its competitive advantage and be able to write a 25-page paper. He also said that the plan has high accountability rate on teachers and other school workers, and that it stresses high ethical standards to students.

Other panel members included East Ward Councilman Henry Martinez, Assistant Executive Superintendent Gladys Hillman-Jones, Student Representative of the Newark BOE Omar McGill, Newark BOE President Evelyn Williams and the first African American Newark Councilman Mildred Crump.

in a passionate, emotional plea. McGill, a graduate of Malcolm X Shabazz School, pounded his fist on the table while asking if the State plans to have the same dedication to students as the members of the board.

"If it were not for caring teachers and board members, he does not know whether he would have graduated in the top fifth percentile of his class."

"Will they spend three hours on a basketball court teaching anybody anything?" he demanded. "What I want to know is, will students get the same compassion from the State? Will State officials actually come up from their suburbs and go to projects. Will the State people do that?" he pounded.

He added that he has seen board members tired from their daily jobs come down to the communities to participate in the education of the board members out there?" he ended.

Board President Williams said the board knows that there are changes to be made and would gladly work with the State. "This board admits that we're not where we're supposed to be. This Board of Education will do all that it can. What we need are parents involvement, community involvement and the continued dedication of the board members," he said. To the State, Williams stated, "we ask you for a partnership."

The forum, aimed at informing community on the possible takeover and reform measures adopted by the BOE, was part of a series conducted by the Newark Board of Education in conjunction with the Newark City Council.

Similar meetings were held at West Ward's Birminggham High School, West Side High School in the West Ward, George W. Carver School in the South, and the Newton Street School of the Central Ward.

JCSC announces expansion

(Continued from page 1)

UMDNJ, will enable students to earn a baccalaureate degree from JCSC and a doctor of philosophy degree from UMDNJ.

In a recent interview, Hernandez said he was excited about the new "Project 100" program being implemented by the school. The program will experiment with courses teaching science and current events, and a self-defining the best educational experience for JCSC students.

"We are very excited by the possibilities of an undergraduate experience that will fully integrate the acquisition of information, personal and academic skills, and attitudes that our students will need not only in upper courses, but in lifelong growth and learning, as well," the president said.

Project 100 will accept 50 students in January 1995. New fall, 100 students will be invited to enroll in the experimental program which will provide close personal advisement

and counseling.

In September, JCSC will open a new athletic facility which will be the hub of its competitive athletic sports, and house offices for intramural and recreational services as well as the Sports and Leisure Studies Department.

The two-level center will include: a 2,000 square-foot gymnasium, an elevated running track, a state-of-the-art athletic training facility, fitness center, and a 25-meter swimming pool.

In other news at JCSC, Emmy Award-winning Producer/Director Gill Noble of VABC-TV's "Like It Is" will be visiting school at the college. He will teach in the Media Arts Department and work with the college's film and television program. Voices, which will examine current and long-standing social issues with a focus on race. "We are delighted to

have a distinguished journalist such as Mr. Noble," Hernandez said. "We plan to distribute the video series for use in discussion in classrooms, boardrooms, community centers and houses of worship," he added.

This fall, about 6,900 students are expected to enroll at JCSC. The number of undergraduates will total 5,600 with about 3,500 full-time and 2,100 part-time students. Although the college receives the majority of its students from Hudson County, one-third come from surrounding counties and out-of-state.

Degree programs will be offered in 33 academic areas and taught by the 235 full-time, 12 half-time and 200 adjunct faculty.

Career oriented programs include computer science, nursing, media arts, criminal justice, and many teaching specializations. Cooperative education is available in all areas of study.

Plainfield gets budget

(Continued from page 1)

The Mayor's budget also calls for the freezing of all salary raises for non-uniformed city officials from January 1, 1995 to June 30, 1995, which will save taxpayers \$90,000.

Excessive negotiated pay raises, in the past, forced Plainfield's budget upward in recent years. The City Labor Council will be instructed to negotiate all salary increases.

"We must begin to operate this city from a system that rewards productive employees, but does not automatically compensate those who do not make an extra effort to serve our tax payers," stated the Mayor in his budget.

Even though there are no layoffs

called for in the uniformed services divisions, these divisions have been warned that they must realize efficiencies in their operations in order to avoid layoffs in future years and that vacant positions will not be filled during this fiscal year.

The budget will allow the administration to further exercise cost control measures by, if necessary, imposing a hiring freeze, closely monitoring the privatization of data processing services and vehicle maintenance operations, and instructing City Administrator Henry Kite to institute various cost saving strategies through a centralized process for the approval of operational

expenses such as travel, furniture and computers.

Mayor Fury said in order to offset any increase in salaries and operational expenses in this budget, the collection of revenues needs to be increased. He hopes to reach a goal of \$2,000,000 in revenues from the proceeds of a private assignment bulk lien sale and a Tax Delinquency Sale.

This year's budget submission was delayed due to the finalizing of financial reports from Fiscal Year 1994. A special meeting of the city council was scheduled for August 22 in order to meet the August 24 deadline to introduce the budget to DCA.

Festival unites all Africans

(Continued from page 1)

plays which left the kids gaping in amazement.

On sight was also the Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Future Fun which aimed to provide health and dental care to urban youth.

Sylvia Adishina of East Orange, a mother of two, said that it was important that African-American children be exposed to their rich culture. "It is very nice to see the diversity in our people. I brought my children here so that they could learn and experience their roots."

Eight-year-old Jasmine Adishina fascinated with an African doll display, seemed carefree about her mother's words.

"I like the dolls, I want my face painted," she said as she dashed to the long line of youngsters waiting to be painted like young African kings and queens.

Curry Salles also of East Orange brings his 10 and 6-year-old daughters to the festival each year.

"We must expose ourselves and our children to our rich culture. I would not miss this for the world."

The pooping rain came close to the end of the festivities. Although it quenched the party and lessened the heat, it did not dampen the friendly brotherly spirit of the people.

Need a mortgage or refinancing on a low to moderate income? The Mighty Hudson can save you thousands of dollars.

Hudson City Savings Bank has a long standing tradition of concern for the people in the communities it serves, including those with low to moderate incomes. This bank can now work to your advantage if you apply for your mortgage or refinancing at Hudson City Savings Bank.

The Mighty Hudson, New Jersey's largest savings bank, now offers qualified applicants a no point, 30 year fixed rate at special low rates. With as little as 10% down, you can borrow to a maximum of \$100,000 to purchase or refinance a 1 to 4 family owner occupied dwelling in one of the counties shown in the listing

below. Private mortgage insurance (PMI) is required on loans over 80% of our appraised value. Annual Percentage Rate will be slightly higher if PMI is required.

To make it even easier to gain approval, Hudson City will apply less rigid qualifying standards and lack of an established credit history will not disqualify you — provided, of course, you can prove your credit worthiness and ability to repay the debt.

To apply, phone the Mortgage Origination Department at 201-967-1900 or 609-428-2740. Your new home may be just a phone call away!



TO QUALIFY, APPLICANT'S INCOME CANNOT EXCEED THE FIGURES LISTED BELOW FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROPERTY YOU INTEND TO PURCHASE IS LOCATED.

Bergen	\$42,160	Middlesex	\$43,680
Burlington	33,120	Monmouth	36,320
Camden	33,120	Morris	39,520
Essex	39,520	Ocean	36,320
Gloucester	33,120	Passaic	42,160
Hudson	28,240	Union	39,520
	Warren	\$30,880	

BANK WITH THE MIGHTY HUDSON

Hudson City Savings Bank

New Jersey's largest savings bank

